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SUBJECT Recent SARBUPRI Activities

1. The S'rekat Buruh Perkebunan Republik Indonesia (SARBUPRI) has opened a bookshop and library at Djalan Sambutno No. 40, Djakarta. A great deal of Communist propaganda material is available for SARBUPRI members in the library reading room. A course in English will also be offered to interested persons, who will be exposed to Communist propaganda as part of the course.

2. The SARBUPRI Publishing Foundation ran an advertisement in the Sin Po on 24 February, which listed for sale the following Communist books, translated into Indonesian:

MAO Tse-tung

Masalah Tanah (The Problem of the Peasantry)

Nasionalisasi Tanah (Land Nationalization)

Bangsa (Nation) by Stalin

Diaminan Penghiduran di Soviet Rusia (Security of Living in Soviet Russia) by A. Gorbonov

Nasionalisme dan Internationalisme by Liu Shao-chi

3. Each SARBUPRI member is required to pay union dues amounting to 3 percent of his wages. The average worker earns about rphs. 100 a month. Taking delinquents into account, the 750,000 SARBUPRI members throughout Indonesia contribute almost rphs. 675,000 a month to the union treasury.

4. Abem Ernigoredja, SARBUPRI Vice-President and member of Parliament, receives rphs. 5,000 a month, and E. Gurdian, union Chairman, draws rphs. 10,000 a month. Both of these men have the use of a union car for transportation and personal use. SARBUPRI has employed an experienced labor agitator in East Sumatra at a salary of rphs. 5,000 per month.

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